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Dear Dr. Hashim:

Each year the University of Virginia Cancer Center sponsors a Fall Symposium on a topic in basic cancer research. Past topics have included: *Cell Cycles: Signals and Death; Molecular Signaling & Cell Structure; Molecular Biology of Human Cancer; Protein Phosphorylation; The Ras Superfamily; Viruses, Oncogenes and Cancer; and Signal Transduction in Time and Space*. We wish to thank you for your prior financial contribution that helped make the 1995 meeting a great success. For this coming fall, we are organizing a symposium on *Lipids as Mediators of Cellular Regulation and Organization*. Understanding the functions of lipid mediators in the control of cell regulation is among the central contemporary issues in molecular oncology, inflammation and teratology, and this symposium should help to coalesce emerging ideas on the topic.

Our speakers include Lewis Cantley (*Harvard Medical School*), Colin Funk (*University of Pennsylvania*), Yusuf Hannun (*Duke University*), John Hartwig (*Brigham and Women's Hospital*), Christina Leslie (*National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine*), Thomas Martin (*University of Wisconsin*), Walter Moolenaar (*The Netherlands Cancer Institute*), and Paul C. Sternweis (*University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center*). We feel that this conference is particularly timely and will help to focus on new ideas important for improvements in therapies for cancer and other pathologies involving abnormal signal transduction. Given the multi-disciplinary nature of the topic and the outstanding quality of the scientific participants, we expect this symposium to be a major event in this rapidly developing field.

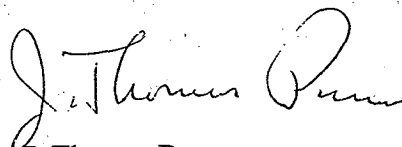
We are writing to ask your financial support for this symposium. Funds will be used to partially offset the costs of travel and local expenses of the speakers. We would, of course, acknowledge your contributions in the program and in any advertisements for the Symposium which are prepared subsequent to receiving a commitment from you. In addition, if your scientists wish to attend the Symposium and engage in discussions with the participants, they would be made most welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you, and to your support for a stimulating meeting.

Sincerely,



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